NOTE XXIII.

ON TWO PROBABLY NEW BIRDS FROM LIBERIA.

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Drymocataphus johnsoni, n. sp.

Drymocataphus cleaveri, Bütt. N. L. M. 1888, p. 77.

Forehead, crown and nape black, a broad eyebrow of ashy white, beginning at the base of the nasal groove and extending over the eye to the sides of the neck; before and below the eye a narrow edging of black feathers, ear-coverts blackish, upper surface of body dark olive-brown, somewhat rufescent on the rump and still more so on the upper tail-coverts, quills sooty brown, primaries narrowly, secondaries very broadly edged with the color of the rump, greater wing-coverts broadly edged with the color of the back, the lesser entirely of that color, under wing-coverts dark fulvous brown. Tail dark rufous brown, strongly waved under certain lights. Chin, throat, breast and abdomen white, sides of neck and chest ashy gray, sides of body and under tail-coverts faintly tinged with rusty. Iris reddish brown, upper mandible black, lower whitish, feet pale flesh-color. Wing 7 cM.; tail 5,5; bill 1,6; tarsus 2,6.

My excellent friend Mr. Sharpe, who kindly compared this specimen for me with *D. cleaveri* in the British Museum, writes me as follows: »Close to *D. cleaveri*, but a darker bird, not so rufous on the wings; sides of body pale, not tawny buff. The chest and fore-neck are decidedly ashy gray, the other being whitish ashy."

Loc. Hill Town, Du Queah River.

I am much pleased in dedicating this new Bird, which I collected during my second stay in Liberia, to His Excellency Dr. H. R. W. Johnson, the President of the Liberian Republic, who rendered us many valuable services, during our sojourn in that country, especially by exempting us from paying import and export duties.

Laniarius zosterops, n. sp.

Laniarius sulfureipectus, Bütt. N. L. M. 1888, p. 87.

About similar in size and general coloration to *L. sulfureipectus* (Less.), but the bill as large as in *L. multicolor*, the olive parts darker green than in the first, and no yellow on front and superciliary region.

Forehead, crown, nape, hind neck, sides of neck and mantle bluish gray; lower back, rump, upper tail-coverts and entire tail, with the exception of the broad sulphur-yellow tips and inner edgings to the four outermost pairs, green, and also the lesser, median and larger wing-coverts, innermost secondaries and outer web of outermost secondaries and primaries. Inner web of quills blackish brown, which color occupies the whole terminal part of the inner primaries and nearly the whole surface of the two outermost quills. Innermost primaries minutely, secondaries broadly tipped, and all the quills, except the two outermost, broadly edged inside with sulphur-yellow, the larger series of wing-coverts very narrowly tipped with the same color. No blackish subterminal bar before the yellow tips on wing and tail. A tolerably broad band, extending from the front and running along the lower edge of the eye to the ear-coverts, and also the latter darker gray than upper surface of head. Upper and lower eyelid grayish white, contrasting with the surrounding parts. Whole lower surface, thighs and under wing-coverts bright yellow, the sides of body tinged with green; the chest, which is paler yellow than the rest of lower surface, has probably been orange-yellow, a color which is not able to stand the influence of spirits, in which the bird was preserved. Iris blue, bill black, feet sooty brown. Wing 8,8 cM.; tail 8; culmen 0,8; tarsus 2,3.

A probably fully adult female from the Du Queah River.